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Subject: Land Team Newsapalooza - 6/23/16

All -- Good afternoon/evening.

Please see below for Land Team-related emerging developments, with the TSCA Tracker appearing to be a useful tool and possibly worth sharing.

Thanks in advance and best wishes. ~~~ Jace

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TSCA Tracker

The latest breaking news stories on the landmark Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) reform deal and how EPA will implement it, as well as hot documents, reaction to the pact, section-by-section analysis, and more.

EPA Seeks Advisors' Clarity On Revising Mortality Risk Value For Policies

EPA economists are seeking clarification from an advisory panel on its recommendations for how the agency should overhaul its years-old method for evaluating the costs of mortality risks in regulatory decisions, saying some advice is unclear while other input conflicts with the panel's prior suggestions on ways to improve the method.

EAB Weighs EPA's Authority To Restrict Conditional Pesticide Approvals

Judges on EPA's Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) at June 22 oral argument wrestled with the scope of the agency's power to restrict the sale of pesticides already conditionally approved for the marketplace, saying they will seek further information from EPA on the authority that an agency lawyer says is "not explicitly" limited.

House GOP's Abrupt Recess Will Delay EPA Bills

House GOP leaders' abrupt decision to recess until after the July 4 holiday will delay action on the pending fiscal year 2017 spending bill for EPA and on legislation to cut back deference courts give the agency's legal interpretations, forcing the measures to compete with other legislative priorities in the chamber's brief July session.

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President Signs TSCA Reform Bill Into Law

People's health and the economy will be protected through legislation to revamp the Toxic Substances Control Act, President Obama says as he signs the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act for the 21st Century into law. "For the first time in our history we'll be able to regulate chemicals effectively," Obama says. [More »](#) ... The EPA will need to adjust organizationally to handle the "major expectations" new chemical legislation creates for reducing the risks posed by industrial chemicals, a former agency official says. [More »](#)

Special Report: The Inside Story of Congress' Battle for Chemical Reform

Lawmakers, aides and other key players involved in the more than five-year chemical safety reform push describe in interviews with Bloomberg BNA a process fraught with pitfalls, broken promises, compromise and ultimately overwhelming congressional support for passage. There is no agreement among the principal players about whether the path to TSCA reform should serve as a blueprint for future energy and environmental legislative efforts or whether "a perfect storm" came together to allow for the first update to the nation's primary chemicals law in 40 years. [More](#)

Merkley to Float Pollinator Conservation Bill

Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) plans to introduce a bill that would address a decline in numbers among bees and other pollinating insects by providing financial incentives to farmers who avoid using certain pesticides. The [bill](#), which Merkley's office unveiled earlier today, would allow the Department of Agriculture to spend up to \$30 million a year on, among other items, incentives for farmers who adopt conservation plans that include limiting their use of "pollinator-toxic insecticides and herbicides." It is currently in "discussion draft" form and will be formally introduced later this year, according to a statement from Merkley. A similar Democratic bill introduced in the House ([H.R. 1284](#)) would go further and would ban the use of several insecticides from the neonicotinoid chemical class, which is believed to contribute to mass die-offs of bee colonies. The bill has stalled in committee since it was introduced early last year, with no indication it will come up for a hearing during this session of Congress.

McCarthy Defends EPA Ozone, Pesticides Actions

The head of the EPA spends more than two hours before a House panel defending the agency's decisions to revise national air quality standards for ozone, regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and [remove a pesticide study](#) from its website. At the outset of the hearing, Rep. Smith, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee chairman, accuses EPA Administrator McCarthy of pursuing a political agenda at the agency, rather than using sound science to write regulations. [More »](#)



EPA: GOP critics slam McCarthy on 'suspect science' behind rules

House Republican critics of U.S. EPA yesterday used a hearing in the Science, Space and Technology Committee to pepper Administrator Gina McCarthy with a barrage of questions on agency regulations. The hearing, titled "Ensuring Sound Science at EPA," gave GOP critics the opportunity to question the administrator on everything from the agency's climate change rules to water regulations to the [review of the carcinogenicity of the herbicide glyphosate](#).



OIL SPILL: Crews race to stem crude leak near Calif. beach

Ventura County, Calif., firefighters are working stop a crude oil spill from flowing into the ocean after a pipeline leak in Hall Canyon released up to 210,000 gallons of crude, officials said. The leak was spotted around 5:30 a.m. local time today, and later in the morning, the oil was flowing out near the beach at Sanjon Road and U.S. Route 101, Ventura County Fire Department spokesman Mike Lindbergy said.



The developing world is awash in pesticides. Does it have to be?

Herbicides, insecticides and fungicides threaten the environment and human health in many parts of the world. But research is pointing to a better approach. [Ensaia](#).

One way to solve fracking's water problem: Don't use water.

A bold idea from scientists hoping to push debates over shale gas drilling in a new direction. [Bloomberg News](#).